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CERTIFICATE OF THE SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
ON THE
NOTICE OF PROJECT CHANGE

PROJECT NAME : Campus Development Plan for Emmanuel College
PROJECT MUNICIPALITY : Boston
PROJECT WATERSHED : Charles River
EOEA NUMBER : 11881
PROJECT PROPONENT : Emmanuel College
DATE NOTICED IN MONITOR : N/A

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (G. L. c. 30, ss. 61-62H) and Section 11.06 of the MEPA regulations (301 CMR 11.00), I hereby determine that this project change is insignificant and does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

The project was the subject of an Environmental Notification Form (ENF) in 1999 and Draft and Final Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) in 2000 that were found to be adequate in Certificates issued by the Secretary of Environmental Affairs. As originally proposed, the project, in part, entailed the construction of a 100,000-square foot (sf) Academic Science Building within the former Gymnasium Student Center. With the decision to admit male students and the expected increase in enrollment, the proponent submitted a Notice of Project Change (NPC) in 2001 that proposed to advance the new Gymnasium Student Center, now known as the Jean Yawkey Center, which has been constructed, to Phase I of the Campus Development Plan. Marian Hall, which housed food service and academic uses, was partially demolished to make way for the Jean Yawkey Center, which in turn has made it necessary to relocate the proposed Academic Science Center to the location of Saint James Hall.

The proposed Academic Science Building, which has been decreased in size from 100,000 sf to 46,800 sf, will replace the 15,545 sf Saint James Hall, which is attached to the 1914 Administration Building and is on the Inventory of Historic and Archeological Assets of the Commonwealth. The proposed height of the Academic Science Building is 69 feet, which is no higher than the adjacent Administration Building. The building will contain a three-level, 120-space underground parking garage. No additional parking capacity beyond that previously reviewed is currently proposed.

In its comments, the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) stated that the proposed demolition will have no adverse effect on the Emmanuel College Campus. MHC states that, although Saint James Hall, which was constructed in 1958, is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, it is not a contributing component to a potential historic district in the general area of Emmanuel College and the Fenway. Also, according to MHC, the Boston Landmarks Commission has reviewed the proposed demolition and has determined that no further review is required.

The NPC documented that the environmental impacts of the proposed project change are within the envelope of those previously reviewed for this project. Therefore, I find that the proposed project change is insignificant, in accordance with the MEPA regulations at 310 CMR 11.10(6). No further MEPA review is required.

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Comments received:

06/14/07 Massachusetts Historical Commission

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